

Dunlop Kirk

Christmas Newsletter

2013

From the Church of Scotland, Dunlop

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A celebration of our 1st anniversary back in our Church!



Dear Friends,

As we approach the beginning of the season of Advent, so we look forward to the First Sunday in Advent, Sunday, 1st December, followed by all the Advent and Christmas Services. I hope that you will find the Services meaningful, and that in them you will encounter the Saviour of the world, born for us at Christmas time.

All of our activities, including all of our Services of worship, are open to everyone who would come. That invitation comes to all of us from Jesus Christ himself, the King and Head of the Church.

I hope that you are well.

Best wishes,

David Donaldson

Dunlop Kirk – Christmas Services and Events



- Sunday - 1 December at 11.30 am - First Sunday in Advent – Sunday morning worship
- Sunday - 8 December at 11.30am - Second Sunday in Advent - Sunday morning worship
- First anniversary of Re-opening of the church.
- Saturday - 14 December: 2pm-4pm - Sunday School Christmas Party
- Sunday - 15 December at 11.30am - Third Sunday in Advent – Sunday morning worship
- Thursday - 19 December at 1.30pm - Dunlop Primary School Christmas Service
- Sunday - 22 December at 11.30am - Fourth Sunday in advent – Morning worship
and Nativity Play
- Sunday - 22 December at 6.30pm - Evening Christingle Service – A family service in
the church, starting at 6.30pm and finishing at 7.15pm.



Christmas Eve:

- Tuesday - 24 December at 3 pm - ‘The Crib’– informal service in the church for children
– and anyone else who would like to come along.
- Tuesday - 24 December at 6.30pm - The Carol Bonanza at the church hall. Meet there
at 6.30pm to go carol-singing round the village and at 7.30pm
in the church hall for entertainment, mulled wine and mince pies.
- Tuesday - 24 December at 11.15pm - Watchnight Service in the church. Carols from
11.15pm; service at 11.30pm The service will be taken by Rev Iain Roy.

Christmas Day

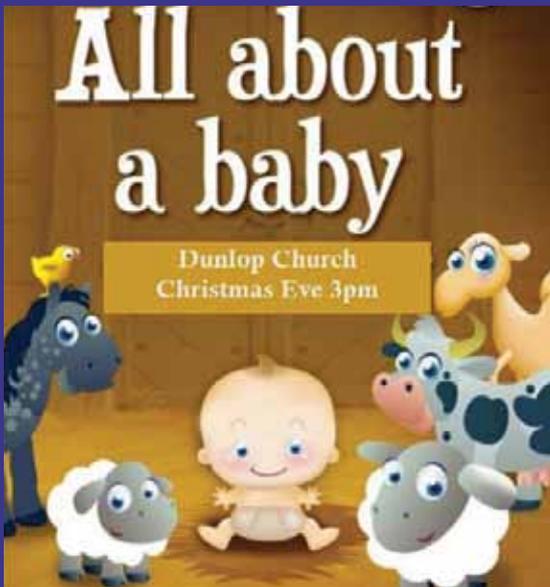
- Wednesday - 25 December at 11.30am - Christmas Morning Family Service in the church.
- Sunday - 29 December at 11.30am - Sunday Morning worship in the church



David and Lorna Patten were our first couple to be married in our new surroundings. They were married on 11th July 2013.



The first baby to be baptised in our refurbished Church was Iona Holly Riddoch, granddaughter of Douglas and Marilyn Bell. Here she is with her proud parents, Mairi and Neil.



Join us for a very special crib service to prepare for the Big event: Jesus is Born! Come dressed as a shepherd or sheep, angel or king, Mary or Joseph: or come as yourself and borrow one of our character props on the day.

Especially for children and their families, though everyone is most welcome.

For more information contact Alison Spiers (01560 480709) or <mailto:dunlopchurchcribservice@yahoo.co.uk>

Outreach Committee

East Ayrshire Churches Homeless Action

Once again this year there will be a collection for Christmas and the group would ask for gifts to be suitably marked as for a girl or boy and the age range the gift is suitable for. These gifts are very much appreciated by the children of families who find themselves homeless at Christmas time.

In addition we will also be providing tinned goods to the homeless hostel in Kilmarnock and Cumnock so that the residents can have a festive meal on Christmas day. Donations of cash to help with the purchasing of these goods will also be welcome if you are unable to arrange a children's gift.

If these gifts could please be brought to church on either Sunday 8th or 15th December so that they can be delivered to Kilmarnock for distribution on Monday 16th December. If you are unable to bring them to church or would prefer to donate money please contact John Kitson (01505 850298)

The Outreach committee much appreciate the support they know they will receive from the parish.

Christmas Colour Print Edition of the Diary – A big thankyou

We would like to thank the Presbytery of Irvine and Kilmarnock for their very generous donation from the Mission Primer Fund. This has allowed us to use part of the award to print the special colour edition of the Dunlop Diary to celebrate Christmas and the first anniversary of our return to the restored church.

Dunlop Friends of Ayrshire Hospice

The committee would like to thank all those who helped to contribute to the success of the recent Craft fair. The final total raised was a magnificent £3013.40 for the Hospice. Thank you also to everyone who bought Hospice Christmas Cards which raised a further £2965.50 over the total selling period.

The Church Open Sunday Afternoons in 2013



and the Mamas and Papas Choir

As many of you know, the church was open every Sunday afternoon from early May to the end of October and we had visitors from as far afield as Ireland and America with one entry in the visitors book written in Hebrew! Some came to see the interior of the refurbished church or to research family history and others came to find a quiet space in their busy life.

Each month we had at least one informal entertainment or activity and the final event for this year was an entertaining and fun afternoon of music and song when the Mamas and Papas choir held a rehearsal in the church. It gave the audience an excellent insight into the choir's hard work – and talent – and it was greatly enjoyed by the children and adults who came along to see and hear the rehearsal.



Dunlop & District Community Company Christmas Fair

Saturday, 7 December 2013 10am till 2pm

In the Café - Teas, Coffee and Lunches

In the main hall there will be stalls selling a wide range of gifts and treats, including

Christmas trees, jewellery, home baking, Christmas flowers and decorations, knitted gifts, sweets, Christmas cards, handbags, purses etc etc....

SING ME A PICTURE!



A CREATIVE DAY of music, art and story



SONDAY
19th JANUARY - DONLOP KIRK
FROM 2PM

FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE ACCOMPANYING INSERT OR CONTACT.

Fiona Thomson 01560 486715 or Carolyn Blayth 01560 484846

CAROL BONANZA

24th December - Meet in the Church Hall at 6.30pm

Carol singing round village with Santa & his sleigh then.....

.....back to village hall for mince pies & mulled wine & family fun, games and carols

Donations of red wine and mince pies to Douglas & Marilyn Bell